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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Chinese Patent No. CN 2062844U dated September 26, 1990;
2. Chinese Patent No. CN 2057650U dated May 30, 1990;
3. Chinese Patent No. CN 1220919A dated June 30, 1999; and
4. United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. 2 373 330 published September 18, 2002.

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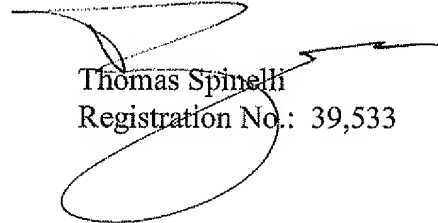

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The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated June 13, 2008 received from the Chinese Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the above references, together with a translation of the Examiner's comments regarding references 1-3. Please note that the other reference cited in the Office Action, namely, U.S. Patent No. 6,325,433 B1 dated December 4, 2001 issued to Nicholson was cited by the Examiner in the Office Action dated September 26, 2007.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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